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Commander's Message Cdr. Travis Smith, AP

The "Big Event" is just a few weeks away. The Squadron's Annual Change of Watch Dinner is always one of our largest attended functions during the year. Although most of the 2005 / 2006 Bridge Officers are "retreads" so to speak, there will be a couple of new faces joining the Bridge and Executive Committee. We foresee the coming year to be smooth sailing (or powering if you prefer!) with the Bridge having a whole year of experience under their belts. It was a interesting year with some major accomplishments achieved for the Squadron; you will need to come to the CoW to hear specifically what they were.

Please note on the enclosed "Clip & Mail," we have moved the venue for the Change of Watch to the San Juan Yacht Club. The Yacht Club has a nice nautical environment, is spacious with easy access and parking. We are expecting to enjoy their chef's delicious prime rib or salmon dinners and have an enjoyable evening.

I also need to point out, you will need to bring whatever alcoholic beverages you choose to indulge. In order to keep the dinner expenses to a minimum, we elected to not pay for a bar host during the evening. The Squadron will have a Banquet Liquor License for the night that allows members to bring their own alcoholic beverages into the Club. The Squadron will supply the basic mixes and soft drinks for those who would like them.

Fill out the "Clip & Mail" and mail it with your check (payable to FHPS) right now!

Following the CoW on April 7, the Squadron and District has several activities that you should be aware of and note on your calendars. We will be having our annual Spring Picnic & BBQ on May 5, D/16's Educational Seminar on June 11, our annual Pig War Rendezvous on June 18-19, D/16's Annual Rendezvous (La Fiesta II) on June 24-25, and Nor'Westing '05 at Roche Harbor on September 15. These are all fun events and I encourage each of you to try and attend. What a great way to kick off the boating season and be involved.

That brings me to my next topic: *Squadron Involvement*. During the past year, 26 Squadron members received Merit Marks. This basically equates to 29% of the Squadron's members participated by volunteering their skills, efforts, and time in various functions & activities that were scheduled throughout the year. Where were the other 71% Squadron members? In order to maintain a healthy organization, continue to obtain new members and retain our current members, EVERYONE in the Squadron needs to get involved. Hey! You will be surprised to learn how much fun it can really be and at the same time getting better acquainted with another Squadron member. Volunteer to teach a class, proctor or help grade exams, chair an event, fill a Squadron Committee or Bridge vacancy, give a presentation, etc. etc.

One of the 2005 / 2006 Bridge's & Executive Committee's objectives will be to increase Squadron membership involvement. With the efforts and participation



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Educational Department
Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP

SEO Report for March 2005

I. Boat Smart: The Boat Smart class was very full, with 31 students and therefore a great motivation to come early in order to get a seat. The course concluded on March 8th, with their final exam. The class was invited to come to our pot luck dinner meeting on Thursday March 3rd, to encourage them to join us.

II. Chart Smart: This two night class will meet March 15th and 22nd, in the same room at the high school as the Boat Smart class.

III. Piloting: The Piloting class with Cdr Travis Smith, AP teaching, is getting ready for their final exam, and all students are doing well.

IV. Weather: The Weather class will start April 6th and meet for 10 weeks at the San Juan Island Yacht Club. Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP is teaching the first module and P/C Frank Woodward, SN will teach the advanced module. Please pick up you books, as soon as possible, if you signed up for the class.

V. Cruise Planning: The books have arrived, and students who signed up should pick up their copies as soon as possible. This will be primarily a self study class with review and discussion at the end to prepare for the exam. There is one extra copy of the text, if anyone else is interested.

VI. Seamanship: P/C Brian Calvert, S is interested in teaching a Seamanship class and anyone who has not completed this is encouraged to sign up. Just let me know. Anyone who has taken Boat Smart is eligible, and reminded that you cannot receive full credit for Piloting and Advanced Piloting without having passed Seamanship.

**A View From
The Crow's Nest**

**Executive Committee Mtg.
01-Mar**

Attendees:
T. Smith, S. Long,
M. Forlenza, Frank
Penwell, Will Gossett,
A. Einboden, V. Boyt and
guest, L. Boyt

A summary of Ex/Com Minutes
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**The Lubber's
Dictionary**

cruise Waterborne pleasure
journey embarked on by one or
more people. A cruise may be
considered successful if the same
number of individuals who set out
on it arrive in roughly the same
condition they set out in, at some
piece of habitable dry land, with
or without the boat.



VSC and Safety Report

P/C Virg Boyt, AP
Vessel Examiner



VSC REPORT

This VSC year promises to be one of the best for the USPS since our being accepted as an equal partner by the USCGAux.

The avowed purpose of doing Vessel Safety Checks is to save lives by educating the boaters and verifying that they have the minimum required safety equipment on board, and in good working order.

Originally, and again last year, I was assured that there were no sacred cows, no private turfs, and that we were not in competition with other Vessel Examiners. This hasn't been the case at all. We are in competition whether we like it or not, both from our own FHPS Vessel Examiners as well as our mentor's, the USCG Auxiliary.

Not being one to proselytize or to intentionally throw a wide loop, I have tried to be generous in sharing my VSC appointments with others, and have given up 20 last year and more than 30 this year already. Getting appointments for doing a VSC is the hardest part of the equation and organizers are greatly appreciated. People like Fred Bowen and John Greever have made my job a real pleasure. **Thanks guys!**

A free copy of "What to do before the Vessel Examiner arrives" can be had by logging on to our website or e-mailing me at vboyt@rockisland.com. I can also arrange for a VSC that will meet your schedule, provided that it meets mine.

SAFETY REPORT

Effective January 01, 2005, all cell phone numbers will be made public to telemarketing firms. If you are billed for incoming cell calls, this can cost you a lot of money.

To be put on the "Do Not Call Registry", log onto www.donotcall.gov and register online. This only takes a few minutes (you can register up to three phone numbers including your home phone) and is effective for five years.

You must give them your e-mail address so they can send you a letter of verification, which you can print-out and keep on file in case you want to sue someone for violating your space.

THE BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE



"A voyage is like a classical drama:
it starts slowly and works up with many
adventurous incidents to the finish."

Sir Francis Chichester

**It's
Almost
Here !
7 April 2005**



**Change of Watch
Banquet
San Juan Island
Yacht Club
1800 Social
1900 Dinner
(BYOB)**

**Please join us
for an important
evening honoring
our past
and newly
elected officers**

PLAN ON ENJOYING
A SPECIAL PRESENTATION
"2004-2005 IN REVIEW"

DEADLINE
for reservation:
1 April 2005

**Clip-n-Mail
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March Potluck Meeting



Photographs by
P/C Virg Boyt, AP

ANN WELCOMING GUESTS EMILY AND JIM ORR

*Recent Boat Smart Graduates
Presently Taking Chart Smart Class*



Ellen



Laura & Sid



The Commander's Message

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I saw last month while hosting the Spring Council, along with member involvement during our monthly potluck dinner meetings, I would like to set as a minimum, 50% of the Squadron members to receive a Merit Mark during the coming year. Other D/16 Squadrons easily achieve 50% each year. We should too.

One last item, a couple of paragraphs above I mentioned the Nor'Westing '05. This is the National Cruise in mid September and at last report, there were slightly over 60 vessels in its fleet and around 250 USPS members on board. They will be cruising the San Juan Islands, spending a night at Deer Harbor, a couple of nights in Victoria and best of all, one night at Roche Harbor. This is one really big opportunity for FHPS to take advantage of.

Ann Einboden and her Committee are presently working on obtaining an inventory of various clothing items with our Squadron's logo on them.

Who would not want to purchase a FHPS tee-shirt, cap, or vest with the Squadron's pennant or Capt. Ed on it? What doesn't sell, the FHPS members will surly purchase. In addition to the clothing sale, the Squadron has the opportunity to provide "Bar Services" at Thursday night's dinner and awards banquet being catered to the 250 skippers and crew at the Fair Grounds. All profits being retained by the FHPS!

Here is a first class opportunity to earn your Merit Mark by volunteering for a committee or chairing a committee to work the clothing booth at Roche Harbor or helping out at the "Bar" to quench the thirst of a couple hundred other USPS members. This could well be a very nice fund raiser for the Squadron.

The Squadron is also hosting a "Photo Scavenger Hunt" on Thursday afternoon for the arriving flotilla and will need a few volunteers to help out on that event. **Boy! Are we going to have fun!**

March's Guest Speaker
Sue Hogland
 U.S. Customs Officer

The March Potluck Dinner Meeting attendees had the pleasure to hear U.S. Customs Officer, Sue Hogland give an update and the proposed future requirements for small boat reporting when re-entering the U.S. from a foreign port. Up to now, post 9/11 security efforts had put boaters on a lower priority scale. Sue emphasized that this was now in the process of changing & pre-clearance requirements could be put in effect between now and January 2006. U.S. Customs in Washington D.C. has decided they need to step up its enforcement of small boat reporting and soon will be requiring "advance passenger information," i.e., pre-clearance authorization. Basically, boaters who cross the border from Canada to the U.S. will be required to have completed either an I-68 or Nexus pre-clearance, or they will have to clear U.S. Customs in person at a designated port of entry.



For I-68 pre-clearance, you will have to visit an U.S. Immigration Office, complete the necessary paperwork, provide two passport-style photos and pay an annual

fee. For Nexus pre-clearance, you will have to submit an application in advance and then schedule an appointment at the Peace Arch border crossing in Blaine for an interview. Then wait up to four months to receive your Nexus card. In other words, the PIN system that has worked so well in the past will recognize only those with a pre-clearance.

The advantages: With either an I-68 or Nexus pre-clearance, you will be able to clear by phone. The Nexus pre-clearance also allows you to use the Nexus lanes when you cross the border by car, i.e., when the lanes are open.

The disadvantage for both I-68 and Nexus:

Even if both husband and wife have their cards, if a guest is on board who doesn't have either a I-68 or Nexus pre-clearance, the vessel is treated as if nobody has pre-clearance and will be required to report for physical inspection.

What to do today? At this time and until further notice, the existing PIN system is still in force. If you are entering the U.S. from Canada, do as you did last year.

Shipshape ...
(neat and in good order)

The original expression is thought to be *shipshape and Bristol fashion*, dating back to the time when Bristol, England, had the reputation of being the best organized and most efficient port on the west coast of England. In this Seaman's Dictionary of 1644, Sir Henry Mainwaring wrote, "it being no use for the ship, but only for to make her shipshapen, as they call it."

*Seafaring Words
 in
 Everyday speech*



JIM BLAISDELL
 MEMORIAL SERVICE
 APRIL 2, 2005
 GOOSE ISLAND

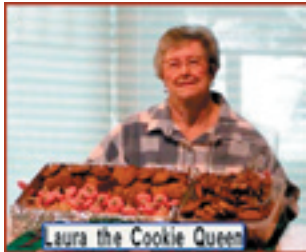
*"Small in stature
 yet huge at heart, he
 will be sorely missed by
 San Juan Island."*

Jim was born in Pomona, CA on Jan 5, 1922. As a young man, he joined the Army Air Force and flew 35 combat missions as a B-24 bombardier during WW II in the South Pacific. In 1945, Lt. Blaisdell was awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf. After WW II Jim married his wife, Bonnie, and then earned a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Biology at OSU. He spent 10 years as National Park Service biologist at the Grand Canyon National Park in AZ. As regional chief scientist for the National Park Service, he helped re-establish bighorn sheep to their natural habitat at Lava Beds National Monument near Klamath, Falls, Oregon. He continued his biology research at the Northwest Regional Office in Seattle until his retirement and move to San Juan Island.

During the 23 years that Jim lived on and loved San Juan Island, he and Bonnie were active members of the Power Squadron. Jim was also a volunteer firefighter. He loved boating in his 23-ft Sea Sport, spending time with friends and family and traveling.

His love of life, family and others and his wonderful sense of humor will not be forgotten.

**FHPS
MEMBERS'
SPOTLIGHT
Virgil and Laura
Boyt**



This month's "Old Salts" are Virgil & Laura Boyt. Past Commander Virgil Boyt, AP has gained USPS National recognition as a Vessel Safety Examiner for his dedicated efforts and services provided to boat owners. Virgil has been a member of USPS's Century Club for the past three years running, by his completion of over 300 individual vessel safety examinations. Virgil & Laura have been members of FHPS for eight years. Virgil is a Senior Member (achieved a minimum of five Merit Marks plus the Educational Proficiency Award) and is presently the Squadron's Safety Officer.

Both Virgil and Laura are dedicated & tireless workers, volunteering or contributing to just about every Squadron event throughout the year. If you have attended at least one Squadron Meeting in the past few years, you have definitely eaten a few of Laura's great home baked cookies or maybe even gotten lucky and had a slice of her world class fruit cake!

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Membership Department

Lt/Frank Penwell, Chairman



PLEASE WELCOME ABOARD FOUR NEW MEMBERS:
RICHARD AND CONNIE GRANT AND JOHN & HELSA TONG.
John and Helsa are boating, so we hope to have their picture and some information on them in the next Harbor Lights.

Rich and Connie Grant moved to San Juan Island from Bellevue, Washington in 2000. They are full time residents and reside at Mitchell Point. Both are active in the local community. Rich was President of the water association and Connie is now treasurer of their homeowners' association.

Rich is retired from his national market research firm he founded and ran for 27 years. Connie is currently the managing director of her family's commercial real estate firm, after an executive career in high tech. They are both alumni of the University of Washington. Rich received his graduate degree from Portland State University where he was an associate professor. They have one son, Bill, who

owns a Seattle ad agency. Granddaughter Sofia is a true joy at 5 years old!

Moving to the island is "coming home" for Rich as his parents purchased a lot on Garrison Bay in 1959. Rich has wonderful memories of the weekends and summers spent in the San Juans. Rich's parents lived on island full time from 1978 until last year. They now reside in La Conner.

After years of being sailboat owners, upon arrival on the island, Rich and Connie purchased a 22' SeaSport for fishing. They are taking delivery of a new SeaSport Voyager 30 this month. Having just finished the Piloting course and starting the Weather Course, they are looking

forward to extensive cruising and taking additional USPS classes.



The sea continues
to feed our
spiritual need for adventure
into the unknown
Robert Ballard



**The Greever's
Gaudeamus**



**Fred Bowen
Renaissance**

**Greetings! Please join us for an evening of celebration
Installation of the Squadron's 2005 / 2006 Bridge Officers
Plan on enjoying a special presentation of "2004 / 2005 in Review"**

**Friday Harbor Power Squadron
Change of Watch**

April 7, 2005

San Juan Island Yacht Club
237 Front Street, Friday Harbor

Social: 1800
Dinner: 1900
Cost: \$27.00

NOTE: Banquet Bar License ("BYOB")

MENU

Choice of: Slow Roasted Prime Rib or Baked King Salmon

Roasted Garlic Baby Red Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetable
Garden Salad
Rolls and Bread
Dessert Bar
Coffee

"CLIP & MAIL"

Please return this portion:

Return your Reservation **NO LATER** than **April 1**, to Travis Smith, P.O. Box 665, Friday Harbor, WA, 98250. Please make your check payable to Friday Harbor Power Squadron (FHPS).

Names of Attendees:

Choice of Entrée:

Amount:

Total Number of Attendee: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____